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PARIS FOR PERLOW  
STATE PASS TO OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O.12356: DECL OADR  
TAGS: MOPS, PREL, CT  
SUBJECT: FRENCH INITIATIVE VIS A VIS RWANDA

REF: PARIS 16740  
STATE 163237

1. SUMMARY. CENTRAL AFRICAN PRIME MINISTERED ADVISED  
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THAT THE C.A.R. GAVE ITS FULL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT TO  
THE FRENCH INITIATIVE REGARDING RWANDA. HE STATED THAT  
BANGUI WOULD BE USED TO STAGE THE OPERATION. END  
SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF A TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER JEAN  
LUC MANDABA ON JUNE 20 (OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED SEPTELS)  
I ASKED HIM FOR THE C.A.R.'S POSITION REGARDING THE  
FRENCH INITIATIVE. HE SAID PRESIDENT PATASSE HAD GIVEN  
FULL APPROVAL FOR THE IDEA. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH  
MILITARY OPERATIONS WOULD BE STAGED FROM BANGUI AND

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BOUAR. IN TURN I ADVISED OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COORDINATION WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE UN WOULD PROCEED APACE SO THAT THE OPERATION MIGHT BEGIN THIS WEEK. WE AGREED THAT THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE PURELY HUMANITARIAN, I.E. TO STOP MURDERS OF CIVILIANS, AND NOT DESIGNED TO HELP EITHER WARRING PARTY.

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3. I TOLD THE PM THAT UPON OCASSION THE US PROVIDES AIRLIFT FOR SUCH OPERATIONS AND WONDERED, ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, IF THERE WOULD ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH OVERFLIGHTS OR LANDINGS. MANDABA REITERATED THE C.A.R.'S FULL COOPERATION WITH THE OPERATION INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING PERMISSIONS FOR THE USAF.

4. COMMENT. THE C.A.R.G. IS ALREADY DOING ITS PART TO PARTICIPATE TO ENSURE THAT THIS UNDERTAKING IS A MULTILATERAL EFFORT. THE NATIONAL ARMY IS NOT UP TO THE QUALITY OF SOLDIER REQUIRED FOR ACTUAL PARTICIPATION,  
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BUT FREE ACCESS TO BANGUI'S MPOKO AIRPORT AS A STAGING AND RESUPPLY POINT FOR FRENCH AND OTHER FORCES ON THE GROUND IN RWANDA HAS VALIDITY.

5. REQUEST: WHEN/IF WE DO PROVIDE AIRLIFT FOR THIS OPERATION A STOP OR STAGING OF ONE OR MORE USAF AIRCRAFT THROUGH BANGUI WOULD UNDERLINE THE US COMMITMENT TO THE OPERATION AND, ON A BILATERAL BASIS, ENHANCE THE CENTRAL AFRICAN IMAGE OF AMERICAN/FRENCH COOPERATION ON MATTERS IMPORTANT TO AFRICA.

6. BUJUMBURA MININIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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NOTE: NOT PASSED TO ABOVE ADDRESSEE(S)  
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